UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	_

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In re:

TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

03-MD-01570 (GBD)(SN)

**ORDER** 

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## **SARAH NETBURN, United States Magistrate Judge:**

This document relates to:

Knight, et al. v. The Islamic Republic of Iran, No. 18-cv-12398 (GBD)(SN)

The Plaintiff identified in Exhibit A (the "Knight Plaintiff") moves to amend their complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15 to alter their claim against the Islamic Republic of Iran ("Iran"). ECF No. 10787.<sup>1</sup>

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2) permits a party to amend its complaint with the court's leave and directs courts to "freely give leave when justice so requires." <u>Id.</u> The decision to permit amendment is committed to the discretion of the court, <u>McCarthy v. Dun & Bradstreet Corp.</u>, 482 F.3d 184, 200 (2d Cir. 2007), but granting "leave to amend is the 'usual practice," <u>Bank v. Gohealth, LLC</u>, No. 21-cv-1287, 2022 WL 1132503, at \*1 (2d Cir. Apr. 18, 2022) (quoting <u>Hayden v. Cnty. of Nassau</u>, 180 F.3d 42, 53 (2d Cir. 1999)). Amendment should be permitted "[i]n the absence of any apparent or declared reason—such as undue delay, bad faith or dilatory motive on the part of the movant, repeated failure to cure deficiencies by amendments previously allowed, undue prejudice to the opposing party by virtue of allowance of the amendment, futility of the amendment, etc." <u>Foman v. Davis</u>, 371 U.S. 178, 182 (1962).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all ECF numbers refer to the main MDL docket, No. 03-md-01570.

The <u>Knight</u> Plaintiff's claim is not futile, will not unduly delay these proceedings or prejudice Iran, and was not filed in bad faith or with a dilatory motive. The <u>Knight</u> Plaintiff's motion is therefore GRANTED. Appendix 1 to the <u>Knight</u> Iran Short Form Complaint is amended to reflect the personal injury claim asserted by the Plaintiff in Exhibit A.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to terminate the motion at ECF No. 10787 and the related motion at ECF No. 98 in <u>Knight</u>, No. 18-cv-12398.

SO ORDERED.

SARAH NETBURN

United States Magistrate Judge

DATED: March 18, 2025

New York, New York

Identification of	General Nature of	General Nature of	Paragraph of
Plaintiff	Claim Asserted in	Claim Asserted in	Complaint
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	Form Complaint	Short Form Complaint	Plaintiff
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